

Goddard Dance Club Constitution and Bylaws Revisions

It has been over a decade since the last major revisions to the Goddard Dance Club (GDC) Constitution and Bylaws. We have gradually changed and it is time to bring our Constitution and Bylaws into conformance with our current practices. Since these documents have both been heavily rewritten, the votes will be up or down on the two new documents together rather than on the myriad of individual amendments.

Overview of changes to the GDC Constitution:

- Add IRS-required cover signatures.
- Add 2006 IRS tax-exempt status to our charter.
- Reword membership requirements to more closely conform to GEWA requirements, as required by any GEWA Club.
- Create an expanded Executive Council from the mandated Executive Committee, as has been effectively the case for over five years.
- Add an 8-month membership requirement for officers.
- Drop requirement for annual meetings for elections.
- Require amended copies of Constitution be sent to GEWA, IRS and the state of Maryland.
- Add an article for the possible impeachment of an officer.
- Transfer article on dissolution requirements from the Bylaws to the Constitution.
- Clarify and simplify wording, and bring it into consistency with the wording in Bylaws.
- Number all sections.

Overview of changes to the GDC Bylaws:

- Create a stand-alone separate document for the Bylaws.
- Reword membership types to conform to Goddard structure and GEWA wording.
- Require a secret vote by the Executive Committee for censuring or expelling a member.
- Clarify responsibilities of officers.
- Provide for the election instead of appointment of the Election Committee.
- Add an article on conduct of elections with required timing of elections.
- Change name of "Board of Trustees" to "Advisory Board" to indicate it's advisory status.
- Require amended copies of Bylaws be sent to GEWA, IRS and the state of Maryland.
- Drop article on "Procedures Not Covered".
- Transfer article on dissolution requirements from the Bylaws to the Constitution.
- Clarify and simplify wording, and bring it into consistency with the wording in Constitution.
- Number all sections.

This overview is not a precise or complete summary of the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. The complete versions of the amended Constitution and Bylaws can be viewed on the followed web site:
<http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/dance/goddard.htm>